

# FORUM RESULTS

## KITTERY SHORE AND HARBOR PLANNING JUNE 5, 2013 PUBLIC FORUM

### I. Small Group Questions (20 minutes)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
<b>PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY</b>					
1. The Town should seek to create additional public access points for <b>trailerred boats</b> within the community.	3	15	7	1	6
2. The Town should seek to create additional public access points for <b>kayaks</b> within the community.	8	20		1	
3. Parking should be expanded at one or more existing access points.	15	15	1		
4. The community should seek opportunities to expand public "open space" adjacent to the shoreline.	9	16	4		1
Additional comments regarding public access to the shore within the community:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Resident priority</i></li> <li>• <i>Moorings out in Gosport Harbor</i></li> <li>• <i>Rogers Park trolley</i></li> <li>• <i>Train ROW @ Spruce Creek, BBH</i></li> <li>• <i>Parking too limited</i></li> <li>• <i>#2 – "The Town should seek to create <b>dedicated</b> public access points..."</i></li> <li>• <i>Fee – include parking space &amp; routes</i></li> <li>• <i>#2 – Designated access point for kayaks</i></li> <li>• <i>Communicating availability and access needs to be important</i></li> <li>• <i>#1 - Availability of areas</i></li> <li>• <i>I support public access for residents, no increase to accommodate no residents</i></li> <li>• <i>Public information program...w/o neon lights (create an app for that!)</i></li> <li>• <i>Didn't think kayaks could be launched at Eagle Pt. – parking is limited. You can! Not obvious. Not ideal.</i></li> <li>• <i>The town is really small – who are we giving access to – residents or non-residents?</i></li> <li>• <i>Fee system addressed excessive demand from NH</i></li> <li>• <i>Parking at train is already full during school year. Not a lot of opp. for expansion. Where do we put it, if we have it?</i></li> <li>• <i>What is the cost impact to residents to open access that non-residents can use?</i></li> </ul>					
<b>ROLE IN LOCAL ECONOMY</b>					
5. Maintaining facilities for commercial fishing is important to the community's economy.	17	10	3		
6. Recreational boating is important to the local economy.	13	15	1		

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7. Expansion of opportunities for shellfishing is desirable for the local economy.	8	10	4	1	6
8. Expansion of opportunities for aquaculture is desirable for the local economy.	6	11	5	1	6
Additional comments regarding the role of marine activities within the community:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Restrict commercial fishing to Kittery neck, <u>not</u> Pepperrell Cove – Frisbee dock.</i></li> <li>• <i>Mussel/clam/oyster aquaculture</i></li> <li>• <i>Start programs for local children to learn about the sea, sailing, fishing, boating</i></li> <li>• <i>Explore rental of Frisbee's Pier &amp; Float from D'Amico for dinghies &amp; also rack storage</i></li> <li>• <i>Strong need to access Kittery Foreside by boat (services &amp; rest.'s)</i></li> <li>• <i>Preserve commercial fishing/designate areas</i></li> <li>• <i>Programs need to be developed to build/attract development</i></li> <li>• <i>Rec/boat to feed existing biz</i></li> <li>• <i>#6 – More recreation = more cost &amp; expense</i></li> <li>• <i>#5 – Catch is limited by NOAA but not a lot of groundfishing here – not affected as much. Most fishermen are lobstermen. Some people gill net. We need to preserve as much as poss.</i></li> <li>• <i>#6 – Tourist \$ does not support local businesses &amp; working waterfront</i></li> <li>• <i>#8 – Explore it – need to understand impacts</i></li> <li>• <i>Part of community character is built on commercial fishing – need to preserve an area for commercial fishing. Community is transitioning to a bedroom community. Not interested in it.</i></li> </ul>					
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
9. The Town should continue to make strategic investments in marine infrastructure (piers, floats, etc.)	15	11	2		1
10. The Town should look for opportunities to increase public mooring space.	8	11	7	2	2
11. Dredging of Pepperrell Cove should be pursued by the Town.	5	13	4	1	7
12. The current fee system for use of Town facilities is appropriate (fees should be higher/lower).	7	17	1		4
13. I would support a Water Taxi to enhance access across the harbor to Portsmouth.	3	14	5	2	6
14. The Town should consider long-term sea level rise in planning all future marine facilities.	13	14	1		3
Additional comments:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Fees should be lower.</i></li> <li>• <i>Fees should be lower.</i></li> <li>• <i>Dredging – Unintended consequences</i></li> <li>• <i>Fort Foster fee structure reasonable</i></li> <li>• <i>Fees for dinghy for residents/mooring holders should be free or included with mooring fee</i></li> <li>• <i># 9 - The town should explore renting pier &amp; float at Frisbee's owned by D'Amico.</i></li> </ul>					

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- #10 – Considering complete renumbering of all Kittery mooring, especially Pepperrell Cove!
- Fees should be higher.
- #11 – First ascertain if it needs it.
- Fees are OK
- #9 – It depends where
- #11 – As needed
- #12 – Need to be eval. by resource
- #13 – Agree, provided right access point established
- #12 – Selectively
- #10 – No space for more moorings
- #11 – Only if necessary for local fisherman
- #12 – Fees should be higher
- #9 - We are and we have been, and port authority does a pretty good job of managing it
- There are 2 ramps on the transient pier project. Lobstermen should still have access.
- #11 – Harbormaster is tracking down people who don't use moorings.
- #8 – Spinney Creek is doing aquaculture now
- #13 – Interesting concept – maybe at Gov't Street dock
- #14 – YES.

#### 15. Based on your response to the items above, feel free to suggest an alternative scenario, or provide your rationale.

- ROW places are not properly marked.
- More spaces required for kayaks to ease up ramps.
- Moorings are over-saturated already – Navy yard has over-saturated.
- Fees should consider shore front owners, + age.
- Shoals harbor needs to be left open from moorings so transient boaters have a place to anchor.
- Keep fees low. Do not expand the mooring field
- 14. Town ROW should be investigated for use as small boat access & parking for residents
- Item 13. – I feel a water taxi will drive the boating expense up, limit access (can't use late at night), also be inconvenient in that you can't get to your boat when you want.
- Consider an area reserved for anchoring
- Study of global warming
- Dinghy access should be available 24 hrs/day 7 days/week, with no penalty of time.
- Dinghy space could be increased by having racks on a dock for out-of-water storage
- A voluntary launch could allow people who don't want to keep a dinghy at the dock and free up some space.
- Perhaps we could arrange an extended dock arrangement with Al D'Amico
- An anchoring area should be established
- It would be good to improve the protection against weather in Pepperrell Cove, to protect against hurricanes; and to attract transient boaters

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**15. Based on your response to the items above, feel free to suggest an alternative scenario, or provide your rationale.**

- *Create marina with slips*
- *Kittery has approx. 15 miles of shoreline which can be a revenue source and tourist attraction*
- *Do not dredge Pepperrell Cove unless lobstermen need it.*
- *Fort Foster fees are too low across the board. Is it covering its expenses? Is it making money?*
- *Public works & org. of waterfront need to be separated. Need a separated manager for waterfront management.*

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### II. Map Exercise (10 minutes)

1. Indicate on the map where additional facilities should be considered.
2. Indicate on the map where existing facilities should be enhanced/expanded.
3. Indicate on the map any public access location/facilities that you believe to be underutilized.

### III. Opportunities (10 minutes)

#### 1. What marine services do you feel offer opportunities for expansion?

- *Pepperrell Cove needs more space for commercial fishermen.*
- *Develop public access points.*
- *Aquaculture*
- *Youth sailing/kayaking program at FF or Rogers Park*
- *Aquaculture*
- *Launch service*
- *More metered parking*
- *Moorings @ Isle of Shoals*
- *Parking*
- *Dredging Pepperrell Cove*
- *Rack storage for inflatables w/o motors, consider expanding dinghy dock by w/ D'Amico*
- *Improve parking at Pepperrell Cove*
- *Add dinghy dock and parking at Ft. McLeary*
- *Add boat launch at Fort Foster*
- *Add marina at Fort Foster*
- *Breakwater from fishing island to*
- *Dry dinghy rack*
- *Additional kayak access at: Eagle Pt., Ft. McCleary, Ft. Foster*
- *Better parking facilities: Pepperrell Cove, Gov't St.*
- *Portsmouth water taxi to Gov't St. pier?*
- *Expand/develop Gov't St. pier area*
- *Mooring management plan*
- *Dinghy management plan*
- *Seapoint & Crescent are private by design – that's the attraction.*
- *Should there be shuttle from Frisbee to the beach?*
- *Trolley at mall should add trips to the beach.*

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### 2. What added features should be considered for Town-owned facilities?

- *Develop government Town dock facilities.*
- *Resident priority*
- *Security cameras*
- *Consistent fee structures*
- *Signage*
- *Parking*
- *Aquaculture (mussels/oysters, etc.)*
- *Dry-storage for dinghies @ Frisbee's*
- *Mooring Mgt.*
- *Make them better/keep them up*
- *Set up separate administration (not under Pub Works) – transparent*
- *Bike racks*
- *More access to restrooms*
- *Golf cart/sm. bus shuttles*
- *Shuttle bus service to facilities*